

Rec^d. Aug. 10/84

Holly Brook
New Jersey

My dear old friend, Mr. May.

I have just finished reading the Pamphlet you were so kind as to send me - entitled "Abolitionists Indicated".

The Hon. Eli Thayer receives a merited castigation in this ably written document - but do you know, it seems to me like a waste of good ammunition to reply to an attack like the one he has made on the old Abolition Party? It is absurd, but attempt to belittle, in any way, its contents and measures.

Whom could it influence?

Not, certainly, those elderly people who were capable of thinking for themselves and knew something of the Abolition Party and of the Emigrant Aid Company in the day of them.

It is the old fable over again of the
Frog and the Ox, only worse, for
Mr. Thayer, in the smallness
of his soul, tries to belittle his
Ox in order to make himself seem
big!

I think he has found out by this
time, that though disbanded, the
members of the Old Abolition Party
are not all dead - and are still
capable of vigorous blows, at need.

Are you all well at Leicester? I
haven't heard a word since Mrs.
May left Phil. last spring.

I came down here to Holly Beach
the 21st of June and propose to remain
here at least the first of Sept; perhaps
~~at~~ till the middle. School does
not begin till the 3rd of Oct.

I am right on the beach which
is the best for bathing, I am firmly

P.S. Please write Mrs. May that I write to her and have a lovely letter on
reply before leaving Phil.

persuaded of any in the world.

It is eight miles north of Cape Gray.
It is not a well-known and fashionable
resort, and I hope it never may be.

I go in, ^{bathing} every day; there have been a
few hot days there, but generally the
sea breezes have been delightful.

Thermometer at 78° in the shade this
P.M.

There is a forest close to shore full
of holly trees from which the Beach
takes its name. I divide my time
between this forest, my daily baths
and my evening walks on the
hard sandy beach, and am storing
up health and strength for the
coming year.

After the 3rd of Oct. my address
will be 2136 Mt. Vernon st. Phila.
With love to all your beloved household

I am affectionately yours

Evelyn E. Plummer.

My dear Mr. Plummer, I would be glad to hear of your lovely letter on
reply before leaving Phila.

Leicester, Aug. 12

Dear Johnson,

I have been much pleased with this note, and I think you will be glad to see it. The writer was a sister of Tidd, and John Brown's man at Harper's Ferry. Tidd enlisted in the U.S. Army and lost his life in the late war. This lady was a school teacher in this ~~County~~ County when the Freedmen's Aid Socy. first called for helpers. She saw the call and wrote at once to Miller McKim. He referred her to me. I invited her to come to my house, and she spent a day or two with us; - the result of which was that ^{she} went into Tennessee, &c., as one of McKim's corps, & had a telling experience. Subsequently she became the representative of our Leicester Freedmen's Aid Society, and ^{"our"} teacher, for some 2 years or more, in Georgia - with hard experiences there. She is deeply imbued with the anti-slavery spirit - is a Swedenborgian in faith - has had quite an eventful life - has been utterly broken down in health, and is not very strong here - and in all respects a character, and one highly to be respected. - Please return me her letter - I hope you are comfortably situated, and as finding your surroundings favorable. Yrs. S. H. K.